

March 2003

Attendees and Area Announcements listed after minutes.

Infrastructure Funding Announcement Update

Over the past month an updated announcement for the 2003 round of the Part 1 and Part 2 projects was prepared and submitted for approval. The draft announcement proposal to distribute \$295,000, funding 5 new Part 1 and 3 new Part 2 projects.

The announcement will look very much like the 2000 announcement with the following exceptions:

- Part 1 & 2 projects will be funded for a 2-year period only. Funding levels are the same as the 2000 announcement.
- No Part 3 projects will be funded.
- One of the scoring criteria went from 35 points to 30 points to make the total available points equal 100.
- A new group eligible for funding was added: non-profit organizations serving predominately American Indians and Alaskan Natives will be eligible for funding. These are programs with 501C3 status.

A draft copy of the announcement is not available. Programs interested in more details about the announcement before it is mailed are encouraged to refer to the 2000 announcement. A copy of the 2000 announcement will be posted in the documents section of www.dehs.ihs.gov.

The proposed timetable for the announcement is:

- Mailed to tribes – June 1, 2003
- Proposals due the HQE – July 15, 2003
- Proposal review at HQE – week of August 18, 2003
- Funding announcement – October 1, 2003.

Other points discussed on the call:

- There will not be "Grant Writing Workshops" this time.
- Injury Specialists are encouraged to get the word out to programs now.
- Programs are limited to one award at a time, either a part 1 or 2. Programs currently receiving funding under this program will not be eligible for additional funding until their current program expires.
- Programs that can demonstrate they can get up and running quickly will have an advantage; we will not have the time that the 5-year projects have had to start up.

CDC Proposal to Fund Tribal MVC Projects

CDC's proposal to funding opportunities for tribes to fund motor vehicle injury prevention programs are anticipated to be announced by early summer.

CDC has a good reference on motor vehicle injury prevention, Motor-Vehicle Occupant Injury: Strategies for Increasing Use of Child Safety Seats, Increasing Use of Safety Belts, and Reducing Alcohol-Impaired Driving: A Report on Recommendations of the Task Force on Community Preventive Services.

Information on the report available at the following web sites:

MMWR Executive summary: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/RR/RR5007.pdf>

Evidenced Based Practice Review Process: <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5007a1.htm>

Summary of Recommendations in The Community Guide to Preventive Services:

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi/default.htm>

Original article publication in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine:

<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/mvoi/mvoi-AJPM-recs.pdf>

Atlanta Meetings

The Symposium part of the agenda for the week was discussed. A head count of IHS staff planning to attend the Symposium was taken. The IP Fellowship Symposium will be held on Friday, May 2 from 8 am to noon at the Hyatt-Regency. Gary Hartz, Director Office of Public Health, IHS will serve as moderator. Christine Branche, Director, Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, CDC's National Center of Injury Prevention and Control is an invited speaker.

Many Fellowship graduates currently work in the Atlanta area. There will an informal IHS Injury Prevention reception at the Hyatt-Regency on the evening of May 1. This is an opportunity for past and present Indian Health Injury Prevention advocates to meet and socialize.

Sleep Safe/Ride Safe

Harold Cully and Diana Kuklinski provided an overview of the Sleep Safe and Ride Safe Program.

Starting this year, the Area Injury Prevention Specialist are asked to take the lead in distributing the announcement to Head Starts in their Area. Harold will e-mail the announcement packet the Area IP Specialist March 31, distribution instructions, and a link to the national Head Start mailing list <http://www.aihsqic.ou.edu/>.

Area IP Specialists should:

- Review the materials Harold e-mails.
- Prepare application packets to distribute in their Area.
- Prepare a mailing list for Head Start programs in their Area from the link provided by Harold and local contact information.
- Ask local Injury Prevention and Environmental Health staff to distribute the application information to the appropriate Head Start staff in-person wherever possible.

Deadline: Letters of Interest must be received at Harold Cully's office by close of business **May 2**, 2003.

Two new types of projects will be available this year: Sleep Safe Gold Medal Sites and Ride Safe. The announcement packet for these programs are available in the documents section of www.dehs.ihs.gov. Eligible applicants for selection for these programs must have successfully completed a year as a Sleep Safe site.

EHSC Training Calendar

Bobby Villines has proposed a process for Area's and EHSC to cost share the presentation of the 3 core Injury Prevention short courses (Introduction, Intermediate, Advanced). Bobby will send an e-mail describing how to take advantage of this opportunity. This will enable EHSC to list 2-3 of each of the core course on the national training calendar. The cost sharing will involve EHSC picking up part of the expense of the course, the Area will take on a share of the planning and logistic arrangements for the course, and will have instructor and student slots available from outside their Area. Contact Bobby for specifics if you are interested.

HQE Positions

Position descriptions for the HQE Injury Prevention Program Manager and the new Emergency Medical Services for Children Coordinator have been sent to Human Resources. The positions are in classification. They should be announced in the next month.

NHTSA Briefing

Alan Dellapenna and Ann Mitchell will provide a briefing for the Dallas Regional Administrator on the work done under the IHS-NHTSA agreement at the NHTSA HQ office. The Dallas Administrator oversees the BIA Highway Safety Program. The briefing is part of an attempt to improve NHTSA services to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Executive Summaries of External Evaluation Reports

The completed executive summaries of the External Evaluations of Area Injury Prevention Programs have been posted on www.dehs.ihs.gov . The reports are available as a reference and resource.

Next Call

April 17, 2003, conference call numbers are the same for each call:

Phone Number: **888-323-7711**

Pass Code: **85538**

Leader: **Alan Dellapenna**

Participants and Area Announcements

Aberdeen: John Weaver, Gina Locklear.

Albuquerque: Jerry Lee.

Anchorage: Helen Andon, Ryan Hill.

Bemidji: Diana Kuklinski.

Billings: John Sery.

California: Not on the call.

Nashville: Mickey Rathsam, Susan McCracken.

Navajo: Not on the call.

Oklahoma: Harold Cully.

Phoenix: Kenny Hicks.

Portland: Karin Knopp.

Tucson: Don Williams.

Environmental Health Support Center: Not on the call.

CDC, David Wallace: David Wallace.

Rockville: Alan Dellapenna.